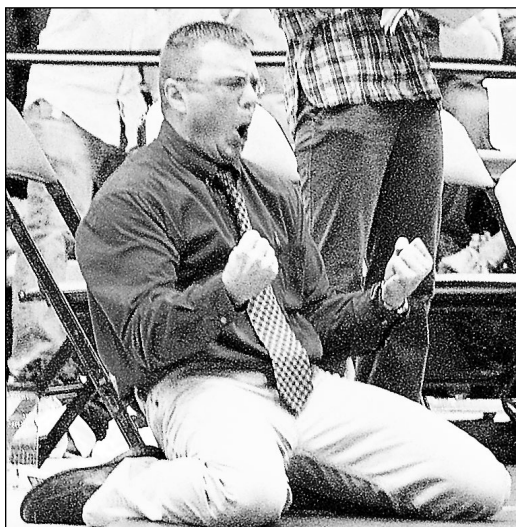


PHOTO OF THE DAY

Triple Delight



JAMES D. CIMBIUREK/P&D Wagner assistant coach John Tyler celebrates after the Red Raiders' Alex Kocer turns the tide of his 130-pound championship match with Canton's Jeremiah Peterson at the South Dakota State Class B Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Sioux Falls Arena. Kocer won 12-2, helping the Red Raiders win a third consecutive state title.

AREA DIGEST

Lancers Go 3-1 In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS — The Mount Marty College baseball team evened its record at 4-4 by winning three of four over Minot State this past weekend at Mall of America Field, formerly the Metrodome, in Minneapolis. The Lancers completed the weekend with a sweep Sunday, winning 6-2 and 6-3. MMC lost the opener Saturday 3-2 before winning the nightcap 5-2. Mount Marty heads to Orlando, Fla., for several games over spring break, beginning with Purdue-North Central and Madonna on Sunday, March 7. MMC 6, MINOT STATE 2: Nick Huston claimed a complete victory, striking out seven. Zach Lambrechts had two hits and a run scored to lead Mount Marty. Jason Schmidt had a hit and two runs scored. Dillon Lambly added a hit, a run scored and a RBI. MMC 6, MINOT STATE 3: Schmidt went 3-3 with two runs scored as the Lancers completed the Sunday sweep. Justin Kemp doubled and singled, scoring twice for MMC. Josh Darnewood drove in three runs in the win. Nick Wenande went five strong innings for the win, striking out five and allowing three earned runs. Schmidt earned the save. SATURDAY — MINOT STATE 3, MMC 2: Minot State got the win despite a 3-3 effort from Kemp. Lambrechts and Schmidt each had two hits. Allen Hemeyer took the loss, pitching 4 1/3 innings. Trey Krier pitched 2 1/3 scoreless, striking out five. MMC 5, MINOT STATE 2: Josh Darnewood struck out six over six innings to pick up the win. Schmidt earned the save. Offensively, Darnewood had two hits and two runs scored. Andy Turbak and Josh Wenande each had two hits and a RBI in the win.

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, March 1 BASKETBALL BOYS' Neb. District Finals — C2-4 at Battle Creek (Hartington CC vs. Burwell, 7 p.m., KKYA-FM); S.D. Districts — 13A (Platte-Geddes); 8B at Viborg (Gayville-Volin vs. Alcester-Hudson, 7 p.m.); 11B at Freeman (Ethan vs. Freeman, 6:30 p.m., Scotland vs. Freeman Academy, 8 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Corsica-Stickney vs. Andes Central-Marty winner, 6:30 p.m.; Dakota Christian vs. Tripp-DeMont-Amour, 8 p.m.); EA; Point-Jefferson at Beresford. BASKETBALL GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 2AA (YHS at S.F. Washington, 7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM). Tuesday, March 2 BASKETBALL MEN'S GPAC Championship BASKETBALL WOMEN'S GPAC Championship BASKETBALL BOYS' Neb. District Finals — D1-4 at Tilden (Randolph vs. North Central, 7 p.m.); D2-3 at Crofton (Newcastle vs. Lynch, 7 p.m.); S.D. Districts — 2AA (Brandon Valley at YHS, 7:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 10A (Parkston at Wagner, 7 p.m.; Bon Homme at McCook Central-Montrose, 7 p.m.); 13A (South Central at Winner, 7 p.m.); Platte-Geddes vs. Gregory, 7 p.m.); 7B at Tea (Canistota vs. Hurley, 6:30 p.m.; Bridgewater-Emery vs. Marion, 8 p.m.); 8B at Viborg (Centerville vs. Irene-Waltonia, 6 p.m.); Viborg vs. Gayville-Volin-Alcester-Hudson winner, 8 p.m.); 11B at Freeman (Avon vs. Ethan-Freeman winner, 6:30 p.m.; Menno vs. Scotland-Freeman Academy winner, 8 p.m.). BASKETBALL GIRLS' S.D. Districts — 4A at Beresford (Canton vs. Dakota Valley, 7 p.m.). Wednesday, March 3 No activities scheduled.

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Winter Olympics

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City Central 77, Dell Rapids 66, Sioux Falls Washington 64.5, Yankton 46, Harrisburg 45, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 44.5, West Central 44.5, Sioux Falls Lincoln 41, Spearfish/Lead/Deadwood 36.5, Brookings 33, Douglas/New Underwood 30, Milbank 21, Brandon Valley 19, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 18, Sisseton 18.00, Madison 14.5, Chamberlain 14, Pine Ridge 12, Tea Area 12, Lennox 10, Todd County 8, Belle Fourche 0, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree 0.

Prep Hoops SATURDAY'S S.D. BOYS Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 68, Little Wound 65. McLaughlin 78, Stanley County 57, Sioux Valley 85, Flandreau Indian 74, Walsala 51, Dupree 50, Wall 64, Bison 53.

Prep Wrestling STATE CLASS B TOURN. Saturday at Sioux Falls. TEAM SCORES: Wagner 141, Canton 133, Hot Springs 113.5, Kimball-White Lake 94.5, Burke-Gregory 92.5, Howard 84, Redfield-Doland 76, 76-Village 74, Philip Area 70.5, Lyman 70, Winner 64.5, Bon Homme 64, Garretson 47, Groton Area 47, Elk Point-Jefferson 44, Flandreau 41.5, Webster 39.5, McCook Central-Montrose 33, Parkston 32, Ipswich-Leola 31, Lamm-Mitchell 26, Robinson-Polk 25, Miller-Highmore 25, Alcester-Hudson 23, Kingsbury County 17.5, Aberdeen Roncalli 17, Gettysburg 17, Harding County 16.5, Beresford 14, Flandreau 14, Dakota Valley 12, Clark-Willow Lake 12, Britton-Holt 11, Bennett County 10, Newell 9, Deuel 8, Marion-Freeman 5, Stanley County 2, Parker 1, Chester Area 1, Andes Central/Corsica/Platte-Geddes 1, Mount Vernon-Parkston/Ethan 1, Sunshine Bible Academy 1.

SATURDAY'S S.D. GIRLS District 4A First Round Spearfish 50, Douglas 26. District 3B Championship Cornsweat 52, Estimote 41. District 4B Championship Colman-Egan 62, Oldham-Ramona-Rutland 55.

SATURDAY'S NEB. BOYS District A-1 Papillion-Lavista 60, Omaha Northwest 57. District A-2 Semifinal Bellefleur West 48, Bellevue East 41, Lincoln Southeast 60, Omaha North 45. District A-3 Semifinal Kearney 67, Lincoln Southwest 58, Omaha Central 55, Columbus 26. District Semifinal Lincoln Northeast 40, Lincoln High 38, Millard South 54, Papillion-Lavista South 44. District A-5 Semifinal Lincoln North Star 62, Elkhorn 46, Omaha Irregular Prep 70, Lincoln East 46. District A-6 Semifinal Millard 50, North Platte 50, Omaha Bryan 57, Millard West 41. District A-7 Semifinal Grand Island 43, Fremont 41, Omaha Westside 53, Omaha Benson 50.

SCOREBOARD

District B-1 Elkhorn Mount Michael 37, Omaha Roncalli 31. District B-2 First Round Platteville 48, Plattsmouth 47. District B-3 First Round Waverly 60, Nebraska City 40. District B-4 First Round Crete 41, Schuyler 40. District B-5 Holdrege 44, Grand Island Northwest 32. Lexington 52, Hastings 46. District B-6 Scottsbluff 65, Ogallala 40.

Men's Hoops GPAC TOURN. Semifinals, Feb. 27. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with C Brayn Pena and INF Chris Getz on one-year contracts.

YHS

From Page 8 Paulsen, who sat out practice last week after suffering an injury against Watertown, will be replaced by senior Christine Broders in the starting lineup tonight. Broders (5.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg), who had a team-best 13 points a game last season despite missing half the season with health issues, started for much of the season. Senior post Jayna Specht (1.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg) rounds out the first five. Junior Emily Anderson (5.3 ppg, 2.1 rpg), who came up to varsity at the end of last season, spent time in the starting lineup as well. Freshman Mikala Hora (5.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg) is second on the team in rebounding and tied for the team lead in shooting (40 percent). Seniors McKenzie Fitzgerald (2 ppg, 2 rpg) and Kelsey Grosshuesch (2 ppg) and junior Laura Buckman (2 ppg). Juniors Kelsea Hecht, Heather Ray, Taylor Specht and Rachael Johnson, and sophomore Jenna Granlathan (1 ppg) have also seen time at the varsity level this year.

"Sometimes when you talk about being young, the automatic assumption for people is that you're playing young-age players. But I think young also means experience," Pesicka said. "Christine was averaging about 13 points a game, before she had health concerns and missed roughly half the year. Jayna Specht and Kelsey Grosshuesch were primarily junior varsity players a year ago. Emily Anderson got a little taste of varsity experience at the end of the year when we brought her up due to a large number of injuries last year. "We were a young team, and we knew we'd be playing some young players and got through some growing pains. There's no doubt about that, and certainly we've had that." Yankton opens with a Washington (13-5) team that has seven of eight after a mid-season slide that saw them drop four of

WOMEN

From Page 9 p.m., followed by games Saturday against Houston Baptist and Sunday against New Jersey Tech. SOUTH DAKOTA 13-14, 6-5 GWOC. Tressa Beckel 4-10 3-5 12; Natalie Marlowe 2-6 2-2 7; Alyssa Waldon 2-6 6-11; Janay Dockey 4-2 2-2 20; Caitie Birkel 2-2 2-2 20. Desroches 4-6 2-3 10; Laureen Pierson 0-1 2-2 2. TOTALS 24-47 20-25 72. At The Hall: CSU 26, USD 18. Three-Pointers: USD 6-18 (Iverson 2-3; Kinder 2-7; Roche 1-3; Hegge 1-3; Case 0-0); CSU 4-11 (A. Waldon 1-2; Beckel 1-3; Marlowe 1-3; C. Waldon 1-3). Total Rebounds: CSU 32 (Beckel 7, C. Waldon 7), USD 30 (Mosley 7). Assists: CSU 15 (Marlowe 6, A. Waldon 6), USD 9 (Hegge 9). Personal Fouls: USD 18, CSU 16. Fouled Out: Mosley, Dockey. Attendance: 386.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 77, IUPUI 55: BROOKINGS — Maria Bover and Kristin Rolert each scored 19 points to lead the South Dakota State University women's basketball team to a 77-55 victory over IUPUI in Summit League women's action Saturday. SDSU improved its record to 18-10 overall and 13-4 in league play. IUPUI dropped to 3-25 overall, 2-15 in The Summit League. Karah Nelson paced the Jaguars with 15 points and nine rebounds, followed by 14 points from Britannica Tye. Ebony Davis added 11 points. SDSU held a 37-33 rebounding advantage, led by Jennifer Schuttloffel, who posted a career-high nine boards in her first career start. The Jackrabbits close out the regular season tonight (Monday) by hosting Western Illinois. Tipoff for Senior Night is set for 7 p.m. N.D. STATE 74, WESTERN ILLINOIS 51: FARGO, N.D. — Katie Birkel drained a career-high four three-pointers and scored 22 points to lead North Dakota State to a 74-51 win over Western Illinois in Summit League women's action Saturday. Birkel, a 5-foot-6 sophomore from Omaha, Neb., reached 20-plus points for the third straight game and fifth time in her career. She made 8 of 13 from the field including 4 of 6 from the three-point line. The Fighting Leathernecks cut the lead to 59-49 with 4:11 remaining on Anneloes Kodde's three-pointer. Jordan O'Brien scored nine of her team-high 13 points during the rally. Michele Salvatori and Kodde each added 10. However, NDSU would score 15 of its next 17 points to end the game. All 10 NDSU players who saw action scored. Jill Zaruba, one of five Bison seniors, made 6 of 6 from the foul line to score 12 points. Another pair of seniors, Ashley Samuelson and Nicole Vigil each netted nine points. WAYNE STATE 83, BEMIDJI STATE 58: WAYNE, Neb. — The Wayne State College women's basketball team won their 12th straight game defeating Bemidji State 83-59 Saturday afternoon. The victory also marks the second time in school history that Wayne State has gone undefeated at Rice Auditorium going 14-0 this season. The win makes the Wildcats 23-4 overall and 16-4 in the NSIC. Wayne State was led by Ashley Arsen who had 21 points on the night. Arsen also added seven rebounds on the night. Alyssa Fischbach, Julie Ann Wagner, Alisha Brown and Marcy Amundson all added nine points on the afternoon. Bemidji State was led by Jessie Althoff who had a game high 25 points. Heather Sampson had 14 points on the afternoon and also grabbed seven boards.

Dakota Wesleyan 73, Briar Cliff 65. Sioux Falls 113, Hastings 108, OT. Championship, March 2. Sioux Falls (24-8) at Dakota Wesleyan (25-5), 7 p.m. Women's Hoops GPAC TOURN. Semifinals, Feb. 27. Hastings 76, Morningside 62. Championship, March 2. Northwestern (25-4) at Hastings (29-3), 7 p.m. Transactions BASEBALL American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with C Brayn Pena and INF Chris Getz on one-year contracts. NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Chan Ho Park on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Edwar Ramirez for assignment. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Jennings and RHP Brett Tomko on minor league contracts. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled G Justin Peters from Albany (AHL). MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Tom Pyatt from Hamilton (AHL). VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Nolan Baumgartner from Manitoba (AHL). SATURDAY'S TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL National League FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Scott Cousins, RHP Kris Harvey, LHP Hunter Jones, RHP Cristian Martinez, RHP Hayden Penn, RHP RHP VandenHurk, RHP Brian Sanchez, RHP Chris Volstad, LHP Sean West, RHP Burke Badenhop, LHP Dan Meyer and 3B Emilio Bonifacio on one-year contracts. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with INF Felipe Lopez on a one-year contract. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS—Reassigned G Peter Mannino to Chicago (AHL). NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned G Mika Wilkman to Charlotte (ECHL). Claimed G Alex Auld off re-entry waivers from Dallas. WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Semyon Varlamov, LW Quentin Lang and D Tyler Sloan to Hershey (AHL).

six. The Warriors beat Yankton 58-43. "They're probably one of the biggest 'AA' girls' basketball teams," Pesicka said. "When you look at their starting lineup, they're starting two 5-9's and three six-footers." The Warriors are more athletic than their size would indicate. "The days of a six-foot girl just being a run down to the block and stand there and throw the ball to her, those days are long gone," Pesicka noted. "These kids are very mobile, athletic players." Washington's leader is Rachel Walters, a 6-1 forward who has already verbally committed to NCAA Division I South Dakota State. "I've seen her both on tape and in person in scouting," Pesicka said. "She's not afraid to pull up and shoot from 22', 24 feet from the basket without any hesitation." To counter Washington size, the Gazelles plan to go right at it. "What we've really tried to focus on with our players is being physical, keeping body contact with their big players inside, not giving them space to operate and use their size," Pesicka said. "The truth of the matter is, if you don't attack size, then size is going to win out. What we're hoping to do is be aggressive on the offensive end, take the ball at them, maybe force them to make some decisions defensively, maybe force the officials to make some decisions with the whistle. Is it a foul, is it a blocked shot, that kind of thing."

In the other first-round matchup, Brandon Valley (10-10) travels to Sioux Falls Lincoln (13-5). Yankton will face one of those teams on the road Thursday. "I'm sure everybody in their respective district can say we've got a tough district, but I can say it with 100 percent sincerity. When I look at the teams in our district, you've got two 13-win teams and a 10-win team, and we've been really very competitive in a lot of games," Pesicka said. "We lost at Brandon by two. Down here in Yankton, we were I think ahead with four minutes to go. We beat Sioux Falls Lincoln. With four minutes to go at Washington we were down four.

"I think we've been very competitive with the teams in our district, much like we have all year with most of the teams we've played." For Yankton to have a chance to extend its season, it needs to focus on the now. "When you get to the tournament, you're able to focus on one team. The most important game you play is the game you're playing," Pesicka said. "That's probably true all year. But in the tournament, you have to take care of each game."

Each district game will start at 7:30 p.m. The district champion will advance to state, while teams finishing second and third will play a regional game against a District 1AA opponent on Saturday, March 6.

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